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NOTE ON ECONOMICAL AND POLITICAL SITUATION WEST OF
 THE JORDAN.

SUPPLIES.

The district which will be encountered immediately ahead of our line west of Jordan to the coast is not productive of cereals to any large extent, and further north, depends mostly on the wheat-growing districts of the trans-Jordan Hauran. It is not, therefore, to be expected that any large stores of cereals will be met with. It is rather an olive and fruit-growing country as far as NABLUS, in the vicinity of which, however, wheat is largely grown in normal times. Cattle will not be found in any quantities, but sheep and goats are reported to be raised in most villages. The Jewish colonies as detailed in attached tabulated list mostly grow a certain amount of wheat, but it is doubtful whether any of last year's crop is now available.

Generally speaking, therefore, very little assistance in the matter of supplies can be anticipated, and none at all in the matter of transport.

Refugees report the food problem in NABLUS very acute. Owing to seizure of animals, practically no winter crop was sown. Wheat flour is sold at P.T. 16 per rotl (6 1/3 lb.)

There is little timber to be found South of NAZARETH, and not much even there. Oak scrub for firewood may be found here and there.

OROPS.

In nearly every case the winter sowings have been considerably restricted by the lack of animals for ploughing, so that the prospects of a normal crop of wheat and barley this summer are poor. There is still a chance that the spring sowings of durra may to some extent relieve the situation, but here again the tillage which should now be in progress is much handicapped by the lack of the necessary animals.

The most important cereal district is known as the plain of ESDRAELON, which lies within the triangle whose three points are JENIN, AFULEH, and HAIFA.

Normally the vicinity of NABLUS is a wheat producing district, together with the low lying lands around BEISAN, and villages immediately South of the lake of TIBERIAS. North of this, the district known as SAHEL EL BATTAUT, between the lake of TIBERIAS and HAIFA, and the country East of the sandy strip between HAIFA and ACRE, also produce wheat. The NAZARETH district is almost entirely confined to olive cultivation. Generally speaking, olives are grown everywhere between JERUSALEM and BEYROUTH. In normal times, large quantities of olive oil are consumed at NABLUS in the manufacture of soap.

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POPULATION	PROBABLE ATTITUDE	SUPPLIES	STATE OF CROPS	GENERAL
1000 Mos & Chris	Friendly	<u>ABEILIN</u> Stores of oil and olives	No wheat	200 houses
12000 Mos.	Hostile	<u>AOBE.</u> Doubtful	Unknown	Seat of Sanjak Wallod Town.
1000 Mos. & some Jews.	Doubtful	<u>AFULEH</u> Stores of grain probably	-	Beside railway.
700 Chris.	Friendly	<u>AIL ABOON.</u> Doubtful	Little cultivation.	Grook Catho- lics.
350 Lotwali Moslems	Hostile	<u>AINITHA.</u> see BINT ULL JUBEIL		
750 Mos.	Friendly	<u>AIN MAHIL.</u> Grain contro possible stores	Little cul- tivation	High position Faces Mount Tabor.
formerly 500 Mos.	Friendly	<u>AIN SINYA.</u> None	Uncultiv- ated.	Partly evac- uated.
500 Mos.	Neutral	<u>ALUT.</u> Unknown	Unknown	Population rather anti- German.
1000 Mos.	Friendly	<u>ANEDTA.</u> Probably small stores grain.	Sown to wheat - Fair.	Large well- built vill- age.
600 Mos.	Friendly	<u>ARARA.</u> Doubtful	Sown to wheat and barley - Fair.	
2000 Mos.	Hostile	<u>ARRABEH.</u> Probable stores of grain.	Unknown	Influential landowners. grain contro.
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POPULATION	PROBABLE ATTITUDE	SUPPLIES	STATE OF CROPS	GENERAL.
<u>ARRABET EL BATTALF.</u>				
700 Mos.	Hostile.	Unknown	Unknown	Stone houses
<u>ATHLIT.</u>				
100 Mos.	Friendly	Some vegetables	Sown to vegetables and wheat. 1400 acres in 1915.	Malarial. Mos. v. hostile to Germans at HAIFA. Wild boar shooting.
<u>ATTIL.</u>				
1000 Moslems.	Friendly	Small stock grain	good	-
<u>BAKA (GHARBIYE)</u>				
250 Mos.	Friendly	Small stores of wheat reported.	Fertile district sown to wheat and durra.	
<u>BEISAN</u>				
2000. Chiefly Mos. some Jews.	Fairly friendly	Reported large storage centre for wheat.	District all sown to cereals - good.	Mudirieh town intimately connected with eastern Arabs.
<u>BEIT GENN & YEMMA.</u>				
500 Jews	Friendly	Doubtful	5000 acres sown to cereals in 1915.	
<u>BEIT LAHM.</u>				
400 Mos. wants care 150 Germans 250 Moslems	ful watch- ing	Nil.		
<u>BEIT LID.</u>				
300 Mos.	Friendly	Mostly olive plantations.		
<u>BELED ESH SHEIKH.</u>				
500 Mos.	Friendly	Doubtful	Unknown	
<u>BIDIE</u>				
600 Mos.	Friendly	Reported largely sown to wheat & barley	good	A rich village.
<u>BINT UM JUDEIL.</u>				
800 Chiefly Mos.	Fairly friendly	Market centre for donkeys, horses, mules. Grain and Tibn storage centre.		

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POPULATION	PROBABLE ATTITUDE	SUPPLIES	STATE OF CROPS	GENERAL
900 Mos. & Chris.	Friendly	<u>MURCA.</u> Small stores wheat	Fair.	
1500 Mos. & Chris.	Friendly	<u>BURKIN.</u> Olives plenti- ful	No wheat grown	British Mission
1200 Mos.	Friendly	<u>DEIR ESTIE.</u> Stores of grain probable	good	Rich village.
500 Chief- ly Mos.	Friendly	<u>DEIR HANNA.</u> Doubtful		Walled town. Catholic School well built old houses.
300 Druses 100 Mos.	Friendly	<u>DALLET KURIAL</u> Unknown	Unknown	Laurence Oli- phant (d.1888) lived here.
1000 Mos.	Friendly	<u>DEDOUREY.</u> Probable grain stores	good	Commerce with monks of Tabor
500 Mos.	Conserva- tive. Not v. friendly	<u>ENDOR.</u> Nil.	No cultiva- tion.	Small dirty village.
600 Druses	Friendly	<u>ESFIA.</u> Olives and veg- etables		
500 Mos. & Chris.	Friendly	<u>FARRATHIE.</u> Olives stores. No grain. Best olives come from this neighbourhood.		Healthy place.
500 Jews.	Friendly	<u>FULEH.</u> Doubtful		Large stable accommodation.
25000 Mos. Chris. Jews	Friendly	<u>HAIFA.</u> Probable large stores wheat.	good	Large German colony. All Jews Germanized (See special note.)

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POPULATION	PROBABLE ATTITUDE	SUPPLIES	STATE OF CROPS.	GENERAL
		<u>HARITHREYEH.</u>		
200 Mos.	Uncertain	Nil	No cultivation	Poor village.
		<u>HEFZIDAP.</u>		
20 Jews.	Friendly	Nil	1200 acres sown to wheat in 1915	
		<u>HUWAREH.</u>		
500 Mos.	Friendly	Negligible	Not cultivated	Half population said to have emigrated North
		<u>YKSAL.</u>		
1000 Mos.	Friendly	Probable grain stores.	Extensive cultivation.	
		<u>JALUD.</u>		
150 Mos.	Friendly	Charcoal. Possible grain stores		Small village of charcoal burners.
		<u>JEIDA.</u>		
500 Mos.	Friendly	Probable grain store Used to grow tobacco		1 two-storied house belonging to an Englishman named Twoonie.
		<u>JERMAIN.</u>		
300 Mos.	Friendly	Olive plantation	No wheat raised.	Seat of Nahio.
		<u>JENTIN</u>		
2500 Mos.	Mixed.	Doubtful, used to have small number oxen and buffaloes	Little cultivation.	Important town Seat of Gaza. Hotel. Large modern steam
		(floor mill. Old glassware from Hebrew times dug up here. Aziz Ahmed Abdul Hadi - principal man. Mustafa Alushi - head of large family. Dismara Atallah (Christian).)		
		<u>JISEH.</u>		
500 Mos. & Christians	Friendly	Nil.		Poor village.
		<u>KAISANIE.</u>		
400 Palestinian Mos.	Friendly	Scanty	Unknown	50 Red roofed houses.

POPULATION	PROBABLE ATTITUDE	SUPPLIES	STATE OF CROPS	GENERAL
4000 Mos. & Jews.	Unfriendly & Unwilling	<u>KALKILIEH</u> Oranges. Wheat grown in dis- trict. Report- ed supply do- pet S. of pri- son near wall.	Winter sowing reported good. Spring sowing new in pro- gress.	Supply centre for eggs.
2000 Mos.	Friendly	<u>KAKON.</u> Probable grain stores	District re- ported v. fer- tile & sown to wheat and barley.	
300 Mos.	Friendly	<u>KEFR HAKIS</u> Doubtful	Fair	
1200 Mos.	Friendly	<u>KEFR KADDUL.</u> Reported 3½ tons barley, wheat & maize.	good	
600 Cir- cassians	Hostile	<u>KEFR KANNA</u> Probably grain stores	Fertile	Well to do village.
1000 Mos. & Chris.	Friendly	<u>KEFR KANNA.</u> Nil.		Lives on charity.
800 Mos.		<u>KEFR KARA.</u> Possibly small quantities of grain.	good.	
500 Mos.	Hostile	<u>KEFR MENDA.</u> Probably grain stores from SAH- EL EL BATAUF.		
120 Mos.	Signalled unfriendly	<u>KEFR SABA.</u> No wheat grown Olives, almonds abundant plan- tations.	1500 acres under olives & almonds.	Population possibly much in- creased by influx fr. JAFFA
500 Mos.	Friendly	<u>KEFR SEPT.</u> Doubtful	Wheat sown	Inhabitants Hoghrabis fr. Algeria.

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POPULATION	PROBABLE ATTITUDE	SUPPLIES	STATE OF CROPS	GENERAL
		<u>KERR YUSEF.</u>		
1500 Mos. & Chris.	Very friendly	Some stores of olives and grain fr. plain of ACRE.	Unknown	
		<u>KERKUR.</u>		
50 Jews.	Friendly	Nil	District sown to wheat. 3000 acres in '15	Small mud hamlet.
		<u>KULUNSAWE.</u>		
600 Mos.	Friendly	Doubtful	District reported fertile	Probably some barley with (ABDEL RAHIM JAIYUSSI.
		<u>KUMIEH.</u>		
600 Mos.	Friendly	Doubtful		Abdul Rahman Shoikh of Doni Sakhr Tribe lives here.
		<u>KUR.</u>		
500 Mos.	Friendly	Reported 10 tons wheat, barley & maize.	Good.	
		<u>LIKTERA.</u>		
300 Jews.	Friendly	Small vegetable supply. District produces cereals, fruits and eucalyptus.	6500 acres under cultivation.	Largely Russian Jews.
		<u>LUBIEH.</u>		
1000 Mos.	Hostile & dangerous	Nil.		
		<u>MALUL</u>		
800 Mos. & Chris.	Friendly	Possible grain stores from plain of Esdraelon.		
		<u>MASSUD, Shoikh.</u>		
25 Mos.	Friendly	Reported small store of wheat and durra.		
		<u>METRON.</u>		
500 Mos. & some Jews.	Friendly	Nil.	Little cultivation.	Pilgrimage shrine of Jews.

POPULATION	PROBABLE ATTITUDE	SUPPLIES	STATE OF CROPS.	GENERAL
		<u>MUDEL.</u>		
100 Jews	Friendly	Some vegetables	1200 acres sown to wheat 1915. (speaks French, intelligent and honest.	Settlement be- longing to com- pany. Manager Glickin 45.
		<u>MESHAD.</u>		
500 Mos.	Friendly	Nil.	Little cul- tivated	Poor.
		<u>MESHAF.</u>		
250 Jews	Friendly	Should be grain stores.	2000 acres vineyards in 1915. (understand	Electric power- house. ADAM ROTHSTEIN local horse dealer a little French.
		<u>MOGHAR.</u>		
1000 Mos. & Chris	Friendly	Should be grain & olive stores.		Druses & Greek Catholics and Mos. Wealthy.
		<u>MUJEDAL.</u>		
1500 Mos. & Chris.	Friendly	Should be grain stores.		Large village with Christian Community, 150 (well-built houses.
		<u>MUKEIBILEH.</u>		
500 Chiefly Moslems.	Friendly	Nil.		Of military im- portance owing to situation.
		<u>NAHR.</u>		
500 Mos.	Uncertain	Olives plentiful		
		<u>NAZARETH.</u>		
15000 Mos. & Chris.	Friendly	Doubtful		5000 Moslems. 10000 Christians. Seat of Gaza.
		<u>NBIN.</u>		
500 Mos.	Friendly	Nil	Figs and apricots under cul- tivation.	very poor. 20 Christians.
		<u>RAFIDIA.</u>		
500 Chris.	Friendly	Doubtful	Fortile district.	C.M.S. School.
		<u>RAWEH.</u>		
1000 Chris.	Friendly	Big Olive oil centro.	No grain cultiva- tion.	Druse and Chris- tian village. Well built houses.

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POPULATION	PROBABLE ATTITUDE	SUPPLIES	STATE OF CROPS.	GENERAL
		<u>REINER.</u>		
1000 Mos. & Chris.	Friendly	Negligible.	Fertile district	80 well-built houses
		<u>RUMMANEH.</u>		
500 Mos.	Friendly	Some grain possibly.		Houses of stone.
		<u>SAWIE, ES.</u>		
300 Mos.	Friendly	Nil	Fertile district reported under cultivation for wheat.	
		<u>SEBASTIE.</u>		
500 Mos.	Fanatical & hostile	Probably small stores wheat.	good	
		<u>SEFFURIEH</u>		
2500 Mos. & Chris.	Muslims fanatical	Said to be large grain stores.		Large village with conspicuous castle.
		<u>SELFIT.</u>		
2000 Mos.	Friendly	Probable stores of grain.	Reported good	Important town seat of Gaza. Supply centre.
		<u>SHALIE.</u>		
1000 Mos.	Uncertain	Possibly grain stores but very small.		
		<u>SHEFEIA</u>		
50 Jews.	Friendly	Nil	District sown to wheat. 1200 acres in 1915.	
		<u>SHEER ALR.</u>		
2500 more than 50% Christians.	Friendly	Olives only		
		<u>SHEIKH ABREIK.</u>		
500 Mos.	Uncertain	Grain stores in numerous large caves. with Germans.		30 flat-roofed houses. Sacred shrine with conspicuous white cupola.

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POPULATION	PROBABLE ATTITUDE	SUPPLIES	NAME OF GROUP	GENERAL
		<u>SHENABAH.</u>		
200 Jews	Friendly	Some vegetables and wheat. Cattle breeders.	3500 acres under cultivation in 1915.	good houses.
		<u>SHUTTA.</u>		
500 Mos.	Friendly	Numerous suburban grain stores.	No report.	Village looks poor but is not.
		<u>SILY.</u>		
1000 Mos.	Friendly	Fruit and almond trees.		well built stone houses.
		<u>SUKHNIN.</u>		
1000 Mos.	Friendly	Grain stores. Should be stored.	well cultivated.	Rich village.
		<u>TANTURAH.</u>		
1200 Mos.	Friendly	Small stores wheat. Vegetables grown by Jews.		Anchorage for sailing boats.
		<u>TIBERIAS.</u>		
3000 German Jews.	Doubtful	Fruit & vegetables some cereals.	Considerable cultivation.	Well built stone houses. Very dirty place. Walled sulphur baths. Greek Convent.
		<u>TIBNIN.</u>		
2000 Mos. & Jews.	Friendly	Some stores of wheat probably.	All under cultivation.	Connected with America. Much English spoken.
		<u>TIRAH, ET.</u>		
1000 Mos.	Friendly	Water melons & figs when ripe. Wheat also grown.	Not good.	
		<u>TORIN.</u>		
700 Mos. & Chris.	Friendly	Reported grain stores.	Fertile	50 houses
		<u>TUL KENAH.</u>		see special note.
		<u>UM EL AUND</u>		see BEIT LAHM.

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UMM EL FAHM.				
1500 Mos. & Chris.	Friendly	Doubtful	Fertile district	
UMM KHALID (BUKHALID).				
50 Mos.	Friendly	Nil	Only water melons raised.	
UMM EL JAMAL.				
80 Jews.	Friendly	Nil.	1500 acres sown to wheat, 1915.	
WARAKANY.				
700 Mos.	Friendly	Possibly some grain.		
YAFFA.				
700 Chiefly Chris.	Friendly.			C.M.S. Girls' School. Latin Mission. 2 Latin Churches. Greek Church & School.
YARUN.				
700 Motwali Moslems.	Hostile	Nil		Good houses. 150 Catholics.
ZIBLARIN.				
1000 Jews.	Friendly	Small stores wheat & vegetables. Also barley.	(Area cultivated 8000 acres, 1915)	Cattle breeders.
ZEPIN.				
1500 Mos.	Friendly	Some wheat.	Said to be well sown to wheat.	Medieval town affords good view.
ZETTA.				
800 Mos.	Friendly	Small quantities wheat and barley.	good.	

POLITICAL

The Turkish Administrative Divisions of the VILAYET of BEYROUTH are as follows, from South to North :-
SANJAK of EL BELKA or NABLUS, SANJAK of AKKA, and SANJAK of LEBANON.

The further sub-division of the first two of these SANJAKS into KAZAS is as follows :- (vide attached map)

NABLUS - - (KAZA of NABLUS
(KAZA of TUL KERAN, sometimes known as BENI SAAB
(KAZA of SELFIT, sometimes known as JEMAIN
(KAZA of JENIN

(KAZA of HAIFA
(KAZA of SAFED
AKKA - - - (KAZA of NAZARETH
(KAZA of TIBERIAS
(KAZA of AKKA

KAZAS are in some cases again sub-divided into NAHIES. Taking the above-mentioned KAZAS in their order, the following are their NAHIES :-

KAZAS	NAHIES.
NABLUS - - -	Nil (Kaza comprises NAHIES and 38 surrounding vill-
TUL KERAN - -	BENI SAAB - SHARAUYYEH EL GHARDI - WADI BSH SHAMAR (agor.
SELFIT - - -	JEMAIN ANWEL - JEMAIN SANI
JENIN - - -	JENIN - SHARAUYYEH EL SHARKI - MUSHARIK EL JERRAR.
HAIFA - - -	HAIFA - KAISARIE.
SAFED - - -	Nil (Kaza comprises SAFED & 59 surrounding villages.)
NAZARETH - -	Nil (Kaza comprises NAZARETH & 27 surr. villages.)
TIBERIAS - -	Nil (Kaza comprises TIBERIAS & 27 surr. villages.)
AKKA - - -	SAHIL - BSH SHAGHUR - SHEFA AMR.

Under the Turkish system a Vilayet is governed by a Vali, a Sanjak by a Mutassarif, a Kaza by a Kaimakan, and a Nahie by a Mudir.

Putting aside the Jewish Colonies as detailed in tabulated list, the population of the SANJAKS of NABLUS and AKKA is preponderatingly MOSLEM.

Although their attitude may be expected to be outwardly friendly to us, their real feelings may perhaps be best expressed in the words of their own Arab proverb which runs: "I am with my brother against my cousin, but I am with my cousin against the stranger."

The usual network of small villages, with a larger one here and there, each under its Mukhtar, or headman, will be encountered. The more important of these appear in tabulated list. Communities of Circassians and of METAWALI Moslems may be expected to be frankly hostile.

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PERSONALITIESAIL ABOON - FOURI HANNA, priest, reported pro-British.ANESTA - Sheikh HAMDALLAH, reported anti-Turk. Could be very useful.ARRABEH - Muhtar ABDEL AZZIZ, reported anti-Turk.ATHLAT - Sheikh MOUSSA, old pre-Turk, generally hated.BALLUT - Sheikh SALEH, reported pro-Turk.BAKA - HAMDAN Bey HAJ AHMED, reported friendly. Heavy drinker. Violently anti-Turk.BIDIEH - OMAR HAJ SAID - MOHAMED HAJ SAID reported pro-British.BURGA - FARIS EL MASSOUD, reported pro-Turk.DEIR ESTIE - ABU KHIJLI family useful. Sheikh MOHAMED OSMAN
" YUSEF OSMAN
" ABDEL KADER OSMAN
" ISHAIN OSMANHAIFA - Population 25,000 33 1/3 % Moslems. German Colony 2,000 Jews mostly Germanised. Reported population not evacuated, and living not so expensive as in Beyrouth.
Prices end of February :-1 rotl wheat - - - - - P.T. 11.
1 rotl maize - - - - - P.T. 8.
1 rotl onions - - - - - P.T. 7.

The following are Christians and friendly :-

Khoury family
Abiad family
SEIM Rayyib.
Saykaby
Fakhar (2 brothers).
Bakkus.

(N.B. ASSAD BEY SHOUCAIR, assistant of JEMAL Pasha, is from HAIFA).

ABDALLA HAMOUNA. About 55 years. Lawyer. Influential landowner, anti-Turk. Well versed in Turkish Law. Knows all about internal affairs of Deutsche Palestina Bank.MASUD EL HADI. Of great influence. Lives mostly at HAIFA. Anti-Turk. (Native of IJZIN - 088.U.S.d.)DAR EL HADI. Family of IKZIN, 14 m. S. of HAIFA, influential family of old robber stock. Own village and much land in district. All anti-Turks and pronounced Anglophiles.MUSTAFA PASHA EL KHALIL - 60/70. Fanatical Moslem. A known vicious bloodsucker, much disliked by all.FARIS EL YASIN. 60. Member of Tribunal. Head of Commission for Military Requisitions. Clever and quite unscrupulous. Very influential.

FAUZI BEY. 35. Turk. Son of Sadik Pasha (brother of Kiamil Pasha). A magnificent brigand. Runs a gang of about 100 ruffians. Intelligent and charming. Lives at ZARGHANIYEH. Very Anglophile.

JEWS.

SABBATAI LEVY. 42. Born Constantinople. Speaks Turkish, Arabic, and French. Agent for Rothschild. Good local knowledge. Very honourable and reliable.

N. KAISERMAN - 50/55 Russian born. Head of Jewish Community. Decent man.

KROLL. - 50. Russian Born. Very intelligent. Not very straightforward, but not dishonest.

AZRIEL. 50. Cashier of Anglo-Palostine Bank.

HANAN (Rabbi) YEHUDAH LEVY. French protected. Rich Merchant. Much respected, especially by Sephardin Community.

JERMAIN - Mudir reported pro-British.

KALKILIEH. - Mukhtar IBRAHIM NASSER reported enemy agent.

ABDALLAH SABAH	} report- ed pro- British	Sh. MOHD. EL KASSAN	} report- ed pro- Turk.
ABDEL RAHIM SABAH		Sh. YOUNIS.	
ABDEL KADIR SABAH		Sh. IBRAHIM NASSER	
HASSAN AMHAS		ABDEL KARIM	
MOHAMED KUHAS		ABDEL KARIM YUSEF	
SULIM SHAKER		MOHD. SHANTI	
		SAID SHANTI	

KAKON - Sheikh ABDUL LATIF ABU HANTASH and son deported by the Turks, and reported executed by Turks for murder. Remnants of his gang may still be about.

KEFREIN - YUSEF EL ABD EL GAWAD. Influential pro-Turk.

KEFR HAKIS - BJABER ALUI WARDAI - Reported pro-British.

KEFR KARA. - Mukhtar ABDALLAH EL AHMED, 50 years old, one-eyed very pro-Turk.

KEFR SABA. - population signalled as hostile.

KEFR THILTH. - ISHAIN SALAMA reported pro-British.

LUBBAN, EL - Sheikh IBRAHIM HAMAD reported pro-Turk.

NABLUS. - Population 25,000 chiefly MOSLEM. 1870 feet above sea-level. 8 large mosques. Situated on floor of valley between Mt. GERIZIM and Mt. EBAL. Water very plentiful. HOTEL NABLUS of the Hamburg American Line on the road to JAFFA, W. of town. HOTEL SMARIA adjoins. Accommodation also in LATIN MISSION house on E. side of town. Camping ground W. of town, reached by riding round N. side. Turkish Post and Telegraph Office. Christian Mission. Principal inhabitants :-

Kufti - Sheikh Hussein Eff. Haashim
Cadi - Mouri Eff. (Turk)
Mayor - Haj Taufik Eff. Hamad.
Public Instructor - Sheikh Omar Eff. Zohaitar.
Chief of Counsel - Nimr Eff. Tokhaan.
Chief of Gendarmerie - Mahmud Eff. al Minalnah.
Chief of Police.- Bakir ed Din (Turk).

Notables { Sheikh Nimr Eff. Dari.
Amin Eff. Salaah
Sheikh Rishid Eff. Bitaar.
Said Eff. Hamamoh.

Principal merchants :-

Nimr Eff. Nabulsi.
 Haj Mohamed Eff. Nabulsi.
 Haj Ahmed Eff. Nabulsi.
 Haj Mohamed Eff. Ghazzani.
 Haj Farus Eff. Hamama.

These are all soap manufacturers employing about 600 persons. The normal output is 500 to 1000 tons of soap per annum, according to the olive crop.

Head of Merchant Guild - Bodawi Eff. Ashur (pro-Turk).
 Merchants and farmers - Abdol Latif Eff. Abdol Hadi }
 Haj Burehid Eff. Abdol Hadi } cousins.
 Haj Shafa Eff. Abdol Hadi }
 (pro-English)

The Abdol Hadi clan numbers about 3,000, distributed in NABLUS, JENIN, and ARRABEH.

There is a small colony (40) of Samaritan Jews. They have no influence.

The following have been signalled as pro-Turk and dangerous characters in NABLUS :-

Sheikh Rafat (IHAI).
 Shakor Johri (Member of a Commission).
 Ahmed Shakkah (Inspector of Taxes).
 Mahmud Tahlioni (Crop Survey Commission).
 Abdol Korim el Yusof family.
 Tokhan family (most prominent member - Bashir Bey Tokhan) who control following villages :-
 ZAWATA (098.H.10.)
 KEFR KUS (098.N.17.)
 DEIR SPERAB (098.H.7.)
 TULLUZA (098.L.29.)
 Ashur family (except Yusof Ashur) controlling BEIT IBA (098.H.21.)
 Most prominent member Bodawi Ashur.
 Hammad family - (also anti-Christian).
 Faidr el Jusuf, controls BURIN (098.V.25.)
 El Fahum family - (prominent member is Abdulla Ibn Abdol Mojid, Reia Baladia of NAZARETH. Also anti-Christian.)
 Abbas family.
 Abu Hamad family.
 El Bonna family.

The following are signalled as anti-Christian - EL GHAVAZI family (controls KEFR KULLIN (098.V.21.))
 JARRAR family.

The following are signalled as pro-English and likely to be of assistance :-

EL FAJ TAHIR HEJAYI (Pay Dept.)
 AHMED EFF. IHAI - notable from JAFFA.
 GEORGE AYOUB - notable from JAFFA.
 SHAFI BEY ABD EL HADI (may have been deported), controls the following villages :-
 AWERTA (098.X.11).
 SEBUSTIE (098.K.25)
 BEIT LARIN (098.K.21.)

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DARI

SHEIKH NI R ED ~~ED~~ (control SURKA - 098.U.7.)
 SHEIKH SAID HAMAN & sons (control RAFIDIA - 098.H.81)

The following are signalled as neutral :-

MABULSI family (controls HUWARA - 098.X.17.)
 KAMAL family (controls AIN AEDS - 098.W.18.)
 TAUFIK HAMMAD (controls BEIT UDHEI - 098.H.21.)
 landed proprietor. Also owns village of ZAWATA.
 Formerly opposed to Young Turks, but was induced by
 a friend to join them, and took oath of fidelity to
 C.U.P., after which he was elected M.P. for MABLUS.
 Is believed however to be fundamentally opposed to
 Turkish party. Wheat contractor to Turkish Govern-
 ment.

The following are the most important families of
 MABLUS :-

ABDEL HADI family

Traditionally the most important family of MABLUS.
 Landowners. Very intelligent and not at heart fan-
 atical, despite appearances; but very oppressive
 towards the peasants, by whom they are feared and
 disliked.

IBRAHIM EFF. EL KASIR ABDUL HADI - Relative of RAO
 Abdul Hadi, now member of Sherifian Government of
 Mecca. Was arrested and sentenced to death, but
 somehow avoided execution. Believed still near MAB-
 LUS. Reported by refugee, 14-3-18, to be in prison.
AMIN BEY ABDEL HADI - Cousin of above. Was M.P. for
 MABLUS. Strongly anti-Turk. His brother Selim was
 executed in summer 1915. Educated and has a Europ-
 ean veneer. Very large landed proprietor, and, af-
 ter arrest, was released under strict police super-
 vision to cultivate his lands and produce food for
 the Army. Partner and contractor with Tawfik Ham-
 mad (above).

DARI family.

SHEIKH NI R ED DARI - 50/50. Formerly mufti, but
 dismissed. Clever and untrustworthy. One of the
 Ulama. Was arrested and Court-martialled, but ac-
 quitted. Jomal had him re-tried. Was convicted,
 but, subsequently released. Anti-Turk.

SHEIKH OMAR ES ZOWAITAR - 40/50. Secretly strongly
 anti-Turk, but on good terms with Jomal. Member of
 Administrative Council. Government uses him as
 wheat contractor, with warrant to seize wheat. Has
 taken full advantage of opportunities of enriching
 himself, and is now very influential.

TOKHAN family.

HAIDAR BEY TOKHAN - Formerly M.P.. Used to be
 slavishly attached to C.U.P. Probably pro-Turk.
 Not very influential.

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HAFIZ and ABDEL FATAH TOKHAN - Brothers of above. Richer and more influential. They own village of TUBAS 5000 inhabitants, East of HABLUS.

HASHIM family.

SHEKIB MUNIB HAASHIM - 80. Mufti. Rather influential. Said not to be fanatical. A bon vivant.
KAMAL HASHIM - 40/45. Reported honest and capable.
SHAKIR HASHIM - 32. Educated Government School, Constantinople.
MUKHTAR EFF. - Ex-Cadi. Now Head of Municipality.

RAFIDIEH - Mukhtar MOH'D ES SAOUD reported pro-Turk. SELIM HOURI & HABIB TOUKHTA reported friendly and useful.

RUMIATTEH - MUSTAFA AHMED BEY, large landowner. Brother reported killed by Turks.

RAFFAT - Sheikh SALEH AYASH & Sheikh YUSEF reported friendly.

SAWIRA - Sheikh HAJ AHMED reported pro-Turk.

Sheikh MAHMOUD EL HASSAN }
 Sheikh MAHMOUD EL YOUSSEF } reported friendly.
 AMIN IBN ZALLOOL }
 HASSAN FAIS IBN AHMED }
 MOUSSA FAIS IBN AHMED }

SEBASTIE - KAMEL ABDEL HADI reported pro-Turk.

TAYYIBEH - ABDEL RAZIK DAHOUD }
 MOHAMED NASHIF } reported friendly.
 ABDEL KADER NASHIF }

TUL KERAM - 2000 to 2500 Moslems. Only recently sprung into importance as seat of Kaza by reason of its position on railway. About 300 Christians. Chief inhabitant ABDEL RAHMAN EFF., Kaimakan of Kaza, signalled as friendly, and likely to be of assistance. Big supply depot reported to exist west of chief mosque, and to contain stores of wheat, durra, and barley. The district is fertile, except to the west, and is reported freely sown to wheat and barley.

ABDEL RAHIM HAKUH - 30/35 Rich and influential, anti-Turk.

ABDEL RAHIM EL JAYYUSI - 50/55. Rich. Member of district Council. Anti-Turk.

ABDEL RAHMAN HAJJ IBRAHIM - 40/45. Head of Municipality. Very pro-Turk. Made Kaimakan by Jomal. Disliked by people.

AHMED EL HAMDULLAH - 80. Member of District Council. Hates Turks, but is clever enough to conceal it, and is therefore favoured by Jomal.

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UHM EL FAHL - HASSAN SAID BEY large landowner. Reported friendly.

ZAWIEH - Sheikh MUSTAPHA SHAKOUR reported friendly.

ZEITA - Sheikh AHMED EL MASRI reported pro-Turk.

ZIMMARIN (ZICERON YACOB).

ISRAEL WEIDERMAN Mukhtar of village. Has only one son 40 years old. Cunning blackguard without principle. Corrupted by constant contact with Turkish officers & officials. Must be carefully watched. Speaks English and French, and is very affable. Officers should be very careful when talking to him, as he entertains them liberally, and is an adept at worming out information.

ALTER GOLDSTEIN. A bad character, influenced by his wife, who has worked for Turkish officers. Both are looked upon as vile hirelings of the Turks.

MR. & MRS. LERIER. The wife (about 38 years old) was very kind to Turkish Officers, and is supposed to have spied for them. Intelligent and unscrupulous. The husband (about 40 years old) is under her influence, and may have been tempted by money to work for the Turks.

FEITELSON. A Russian Jew about 40 years old. Clever a great believer in the Young Turks. Has worked for them for the last two years. Supposed to have written Russian propaganda for the Germans. Will probably exert his influence over Russian Jewry to act in favour of Turkey. Must be watched very carefully.

AHMED BEY. 45 years old. Mudir of CAESAREA. Lives in ZIMMARIN. A fanatical Bosnian, and very clever. very rich. Will probably remain behind to work for the Turks, by whom he is much liked. He was the backbone of the Turkish resistance in this district.

ALI EFF. Lives in a Circassian village E. of LIKTERA (EL HUDEIRA). Bitter fanatic. Preached anti-English propaganda in the district. Hated by everybody, but feared on account of his high standing with the Turkish Government.

BEDUINS. There are not many Beduins in the SAMARIA region, and they have lost contact with their tribal stock from the hills E. of ZIMMARIN.

Beduin family : HAMDON. About 20 tents, large herds of cattle. DRIS EL HAMDON, who died last year at the age of 110 was a great local celebrity. His brother, BESHIR EL HAMDON, is now Sheikh. His son, ALI EL DIAB, has much influence over the Beduins further South. BESHIR and his followers are strongly influenced by AMIN of FAR WAS MAHMOUD of SUBEARN. All the HAMDONS are anti-Turk. W. of ZIMMARIN, in the ZOK (swamp) are the FASSAT SAAD, and BENI JOHAR Beduins.

FASSAT SAAD is their Sheikh. About 15 tents. Poor and of not much account. Anti-Turk.

On the sands of EL BUREIJ (OS.Y.19.d.) there are about 30 tents Tucooman Arabs. Numerous herds of cattle, with them a few tents of the GHANAMI Beduins. The most influential Shoikh is A'D EL GHANI ZARAK. Does not live permanently with the Bedouins, but often visits the tribe in the ESDRAELON Valley. The Tucooman Arabs are friendly to the Turks.